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Applicant: Wilfrido R. Castaneda Examiner: M. Milano

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Title: ENDOVASCULAR GRAFT AND PROCESS FOR BRIDGING A DEFECT
IN A MAIN VESSEL NEAR ONE OR MORE BRANCH VESSELS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed, ~~June 1999~~, for which a one month extension of time for response is herewith requested. The following amendments and remarks place the claims in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

Amendments

Please add new claims 25-38 as indicated below.

Please cancel claims 2-5, 11-13, 15-18 and 24 without prejudice and amend claims 19-22 as follows:

1. A stent-graft for bridging an aneurysm in an aorta, the aneurysm being at least partially disposed between two renal arteries and two iliac arteries, comprising:

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